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Attachment to Advisory Action

- 1) The applicant's argument regarding the rejection of claims 1-22 and 54 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is not persuasive. It is true that drawing is part of the original specification, and if the drawings support the added new limitation of the claim, then the claims do not have a 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. However, it is not clear that "automatically" of the claim 1-22 and 54 are supported by Figs. 1 and 2. The examiner was expecting the applicant point out somewhere written in the specification that supports "automatically ...," which the applicant did not. It seems like the applicant arguments are based on applicant's hindsight or pre-knowledge without any evidence in the specification. So, the rejection regarding claims 1-22 and 54 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph cannot be withdrawn.
- 2) The examiner respectfully appreciates the applicant's explanation of the concept of chrominance. However, the examiner was not confused with it. Moreover, "chrominance" does not seem like a term that has to be argued or mentioned a lot. The reason for this is that the whole invention is related with chrominance or chrominance plane. The applicant can refer to col. 1, lines 20-34, col. 15, lines 30-32, col. 34, line 44, col. 35, line 41 and col. 37, lines 29-50.
- 3) The applicant argues Reed, the examiner prior art, does not discloses "impressing at least a portion of said additional information upon a chrominance portion of said video signal by placing it in at least one selected bit position of a value derived from an average of said chrominance portion over a block of said video signal." The one thing that the applicant has to keep in mind is that the claim limitation is a really broad

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one. Based on the reasonable broadest claim interpretation, this can be read by any materials that have to do with encoding a watermarking based on the average value of the chrominance portion of the image or video signal. Actually, Reed does have a part that can read on that claim limitation. In col. 38, lines 10-25, Reed discloses a transform domain encoding process, which using the characteristic color being computed as an average for image blocks.

Therefore, the rejection cannot be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOHN Wahnkyo LEE whose telephone number is (571)272-9554. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (Alt.) 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..

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